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Service Date: December 21, 1982

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)
Of The TOWN OF BROADUS For Au-)
thority To Adopt Increased Water)
Rates.)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 82.10.74
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4956

On October 19, 1982 the Town of Broadus (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue for retirement of a proposed revenue bond issue.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing was published in the November 21, 1982 edition of the Billings Gazette and the November 25, 1982 edition of the Powder River Examiner. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by December 16, 1982 an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On March 16, 1982 the Town Council of the Town of Broadus passed a Resolution setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue for retirement of a proposed revenue bond issue.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$64,200.

6. If the bond sale results in a total annual financial obligation of less than \$64,200 the rates approved herein shall be adjusted downward.

7. The Commission generally accepts that bond ordinances contain a bond coverage ratio of 125% and a reserve fund equal to the average annual debt service.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing in this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized contingent upon the conditions of the bond sale.

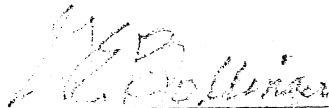
2. The Town upon completion of the bond sale will file a copy of the bond ordinance for Commission's determination of the total annual financial obligation.


3. The Town shall comply with the bond coverage and bond reserve noted in Finding of Fact No. 7 or file a request for modification to be approved by the Commission.

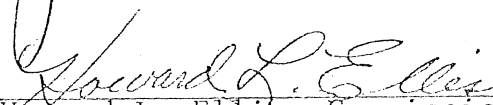
4. These rates shall be effective upon Commission approval.

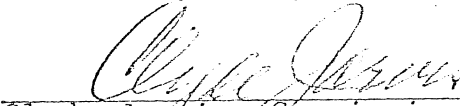
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on the 20th day of December, 1982 by a 5 -0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

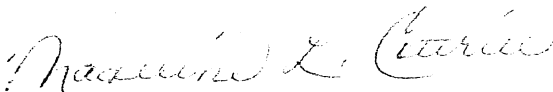

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 28.2.4806, ARM.

APPENDIX "A"

The following flat service rates shall be charged monthly on all billing units with curb cock/box connections. Vacant rentals and units put on vacation will not be exempted unless the curb cock/box connections are removed and the line to the main is plugged. These charges include no allowance for consumption.

Meter Size.	up to 1"	1" to 2"	2" to 3"	3" to 4"	over 4"
Single Residential	\$ 6.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Light Commercial	\$ 7.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$20.00
Heavy Commercial	\$ 9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$24.00
Special Commercial	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00
Apartment Buildings	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$22.00	\$26.00
Condominums					
Townhouses	\$ 5.00	per unit			
Trailer Courts	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
Motels/Hotels	\$ 8.00	\$16.00	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00
Mixed Use Properties	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00

Consumption Charge

First	50,000 gallons	\$1.45/1,000 gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	\$1.55/1,000 gallons
Over	100,000 gallons	\$1.65/1,000 gallons

Fire hydrant fee: \$5.00 per month/per hydrant

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